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1. The Six-Year Plan includes extensive projects for the development of water communications in Poland, with Warsaw as the center. The projects, which according to Dr. S. Kowaleski (Under Secretary of State) will cover 22,000 kms. of rivers and canals at present not navigable, may be divided into four main tasks:

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a. East-West Waterways

- 1) This will run from the Eastern Frontier along:

- a) The River Bug
- b) The River Vistula
- c) The Bydgoszcz Canal
- d) The River Noteć
- e) The River Warta
- f) The River Odra, thence to
- g) The Havel Canal in Germany

- 2) It is planned to exploit Poland's geographical position to secure maximum transport for coal, iron ore, grain, timber, oil, stone, etc. by the development of the above waterway. It is expected that the growing volume of goods exchanged between the USSR and Central and Western Europe will follow this route.

b. North-South Waterway

This will follow the River Vistula, connecting the Sandomierz district (where, in accordance with the Plan, a large industrial center for the metallurgical, cement, and electro-technical industries will be developed) with the Baltic. In the first stage of the development of the waterway, the goods will be transported in barges of a capacity of not more than 600 tons. After regulation of the course of the river and dredging work, it will be possible to use 1,000 ton barges.

c. North-East Waterways

- 1) Canal routes:

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- a) River Pisa ) will connect the Mazury district with Central River Narew) Poland.
- b) Augustow Canal) will connect Augustow Forest with industrial River Biebrza ) centers.
- 2) The development of these waterways would make possible the more efficient exploitation of the northern and eastern areas, which are predominantly timber producing and agricultural. These waterways will also be of importance to the Bialystok industrial area.
- d. Construction of Zeran-Zegrze Canal:

The Canal would start at Zeran (north of Warsaw) on the River Vistula and join the River Bug at Zegrze, its purpose being to shorten the Bug-Narew-Vistula route.

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